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**SUBJECT: Winter Safety**

**1. During the 2001 - 2002 winter season, 8th Army experienced 15 cold weather injuries. In March 2001 a soldier died as a result of a home fire. Our goal is zero cold weather related accidents as units move into training during the winter months. To accomplish this goal it is important that everyone know the dangers associated with cold weather activities and how to prevent cold weather injuries. We must educate and protect soldiers from winter season injuries and exploit our leadership strengths to sustain a proactive accident prevention program.**

**2. Our soldiers can train safely in cold-weather conditions if they know and observe precautions. As we increase the operational training tempo and prepare for RSOI and Foal Eagle, it is imperative that measures to reduce or eliminate cold weather related accidents are initiated and enforced. I expect commanders, NCOs, and supervisors at all levels to apply the risk management process to cold weather operations and activities. As you develop your winter safety programs, emphasis should be placed on the prevention of cold weather related accidents involving maintenance operations, physical training, vehicle operations, winter recreational activities, carbon monoxide, fires, force protection duties, and home safety. For example leaders must:**

- a. Review the basic guidelines for preventing cold injuries.**
- b. Ensure that risk management procedures include techniques to mitigate the effects of cold weather on both training and leisure activities.**
- c. Inform soldiers and civilians how to protect against cold injuries, recognize cold injury symptoms, and provide first aid to cold weather injury victims.**

**3. I encourage you to use the USFK Winter Safety Guide along with locally developed materials (e.g., 18th MEDCOM Cold Weather Injury Prevention Program; Eighth Army Pam 420-1, 8th Army Fire Prevention and Protection**

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Program, 13 September 2000) in the implementation of your winter safety program. You may download the Guide and other winter related material at the USFK Safety website <http://8tharmy.korea.army.mil/safety>.

4. Chain of command awareness and vigilance are essential to cold weather injury prevention. I need your support in achieving the zero cold weather related accident or injury goal. Taking care of our people is our priority-- leaders make this happen.

5. Pacific Victors!



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